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Dr. Susan Hedman, Region 5 Administrator  
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Ralph Metcalfe Federal Building  
77 West Jackson Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

RE: OU-1 Feasibility Study (FS) Availability Sessions

Dear Dr. Hedman:

I am writing to express my concerns about the Availability Sessions to be held regarding the recently published Feasibility Study for OU-1 of the Kalamazoo River Superfund Site. It is my understanding that EPA Superfund staff have decided to conduct these sessions as a way to both explain the remediation alternatives as well as receive informal comments from the public. It is further my understanding that EPA will collectively review the comments and consider them as part of selection of the "Recommended Alternative". These Availability Sessions are currently scheduled for February and March 2014 in Kalamazoo. In recent conversations with Region 5 officials, City staff has been made aware of the current plans to conduct only these Availability Sessions without the benefit of a public meeting following the sessions.

Therefore, I am respectfully requesting, as Mayor of the City of Kalamazoo, that a formal Public Meeting be held at the conclusion of the Availability Sessions in order to publicly discuss the dialogue that will occur during these sessions regarding the Feasibility Study. This meeting would be in addition to the mandatory public hearing that will be scheduled during the public comment period. It is my understanding that the current format for the Availability Sessions will not provide a convenient, general time when answers to specific questions that have been asked regarding the options developed for the Feasibility Study can be heard by everyone that may attend these sessions. I believe it is imperative that everyone that may attend these sessions should

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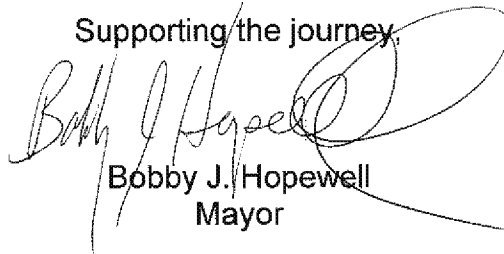
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hear all the questions being asked and well as the responses that are being given to these questions.

Given the significant community involvement with the Allied Site and the interest in the various proposed remedies, I believe that a formal Public Meeting is essential to better public understanding of the proposed remedies prior to the USEPA's formal remedy selection.

Your consideration in this matter is much appreciated.

Supporting the journey.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bobby J. Hopewell", is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Bobby J. Hopewell  
Mayor

c: U.S. Congressman Fred Upton  
U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow  
U.S. Senator Carl Levin  
State Senator Tonya Schuitmaker  
State Representative Sean McCann